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Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the applications of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to this oath.

University-Affiliated Medical Center

Kennedy Health System ● Stratford

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center ● Camden

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Christ Hospital ● Jersey City

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Dean's Message to the Class of 2006

Congratulations to you- the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2006! I am very proud of each one of you for achieving this milestone. I hope you look back on your time at UMDNJ-SOM with fond memories of student life, your fellow graduates, the faculty, learning and ultimately earning your Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Although graduation is often associated with the end of your efforts, this is truly a beginning in many ways. You are entering a new stage of your life where you will apply your unique skills to relieve suffering and always, continue to learn. Regardless of the discipline or area of medicine you aspire to practice, be passionate about learning and most importantly, committed to teaching.

Thomas A. Cavalieri, D.O., FACOI, FACP
Interim Dean
School of Osteopathic Medicine

You have embarked on your medical career during the most extraordinary time in the history of medicine. Not only will you benefit from having received your medical education and training at the nation's finest osteopathic medical school, but you will also benefit from the abundance of research, invention, and technology that is available today to eradicate disease and prevent illness more effectively than ever.

Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well-trained, attentive and dedicated osteopathic physician. Each time you don your white coat, you are accepting the responsibility to carry out the work that you committed yourself to during your White Coat Ceremony. I know that you have been fully prepared to meet every challenge and possess the knowledge and skills to achieve all of your goals.

The tremendous commitment and involvement in our school by our growing alumni constituency sends a powerful message of their appreciation for how SOM has prepared them for their professional achievements, as well as their belief in the excellence yet to come at UMDNJ-SOM. As the first class to graduate during my term as dean, the class of 2006 will always be of particular significance to me. It has been my privilege and honor to have been afforded this opportunity to serve you.

On behalf of the administration, I welcome you to the Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself an important part of our growing family of physicians.

Congratulations to you and best wishes in all of your professional endeavors.

Thomas A. Cavalieri

Congratulations Class of 2006

Dear Friends,

Our last four years have been wonderful. Hopefully, this yearbook captures the great time we have shared. We want to thank everyone for their efforts, especially Dean and Christina. We wish everyone the best of luck in residency and their future practices. See you at the reunions.

We made it!!!

Ralynne
Jill
Leah

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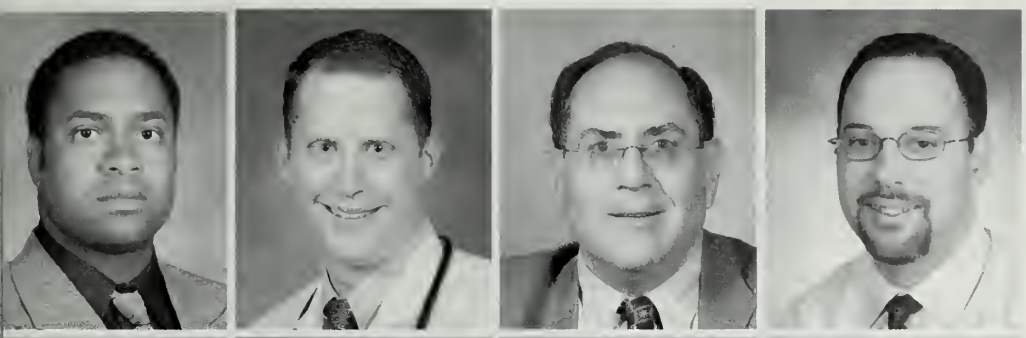

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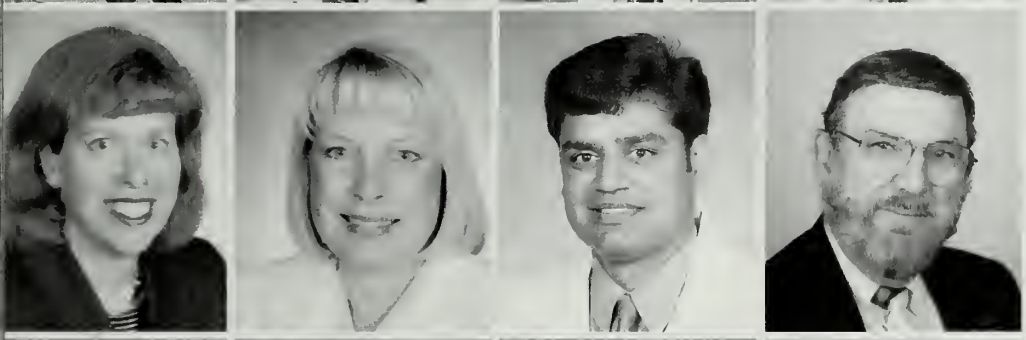

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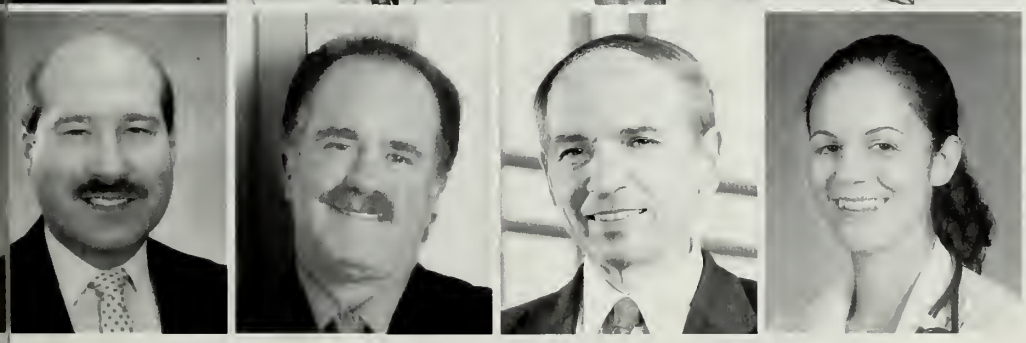

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Voices from the Classroom of 2006

"Facial pain is pain in the face which is facial pain."
- Dr. Herring

...and my daughter came home and said, "Dad, I want CFM boots." And I said, "What are CFM boots?"
- Dr. White

"As long as nobody understands, let's move on."
- Dr. Muller-Weeks

"What'd you do? "
- Ben Salari

"Your GI tract is an amazing thing because its the only tube that you can kiss at the beginning and the end. "
- Dr. Vogel

"Just think about it, everything you really need to know about a patient you can learn from their anus! "
- Dr. Carsia

"What happens when things go wrong?"
- Dr. Bailin

"Pseudomonas, not your friends folks... not your friend! "
- Dr. Bailin

Dr. Lee: If you use the resins, you will lower the cholesterol.
Mary Beth: Raisins?!?
Dr. Lee: Yes, Resins.
Mary Beth: But, Raisins???
Lisa: I think he means *RESINS*.

The Next to the Last Blast at Bamboo Bernies

Most Likely to find a Chapman's Point during a code
Max Shokat
Warren Bodine

Most Likely to be asked to star in a major motion picture as a doctor
Gregory Peck
LaToya Jackson

Most Likely to be mistaken for her pediatric patients
Lesley Lewis

Most Likely to leave medicine and become an auctioneer
Soraya Kernizan

Most Likely to finish a three year residency in two
Agnes Sulewski

Most Likely to skip work to go to the beach
Maureen Banfe

Most Likely to leave medicine and become a great poet
Leah Rosenkrantz

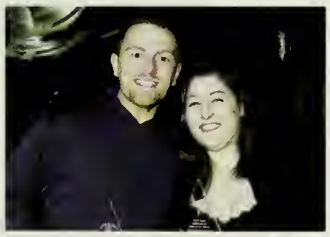
Most Likely to win the Nobel Peace Prize
Tabitha Jones

Most Likely to park where he should not
Joseph Kotora

Most Likely to become the next Supreme Court Justice
Siddharth Verma

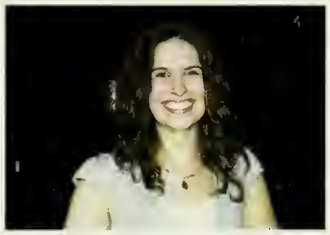
Most Likely to wear scrubs and pig tails on a first date
Ralynne Maitland

Most Likely to quit medicine to go the world poker tournament
Scott Fuchs



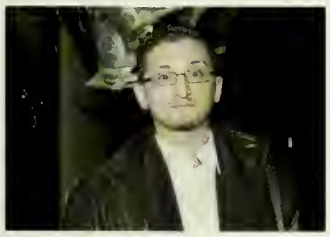
Most Likely to randomly break out in song
Marco Funiciello
Christina Fitch

Interns Most Likely to go out in N.Y.C. before, during or after a call
Niti Sharma
Khanh Phan



Intern Most Likely to clean the call room...all the time
Sara Pagliaro

Interns Most Likely to have designer scrubs
Rose Arone
Nicole Pantano



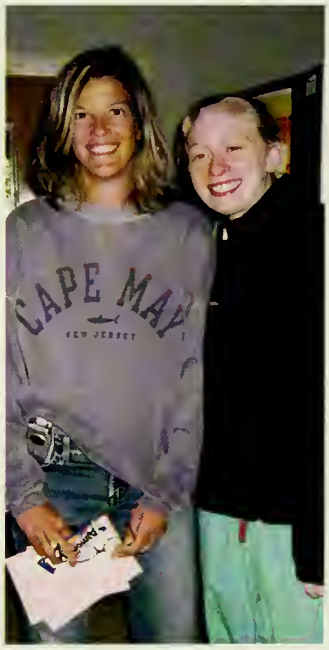
Most Likely to have a Masserati by the end of residency
Ben Salari

Most Likely to orchestrate a pot luck dinner during call nights
Jill Giordano

Most Likely to be fired from internship for arguing with an attending
Mary Beth Salmonsen

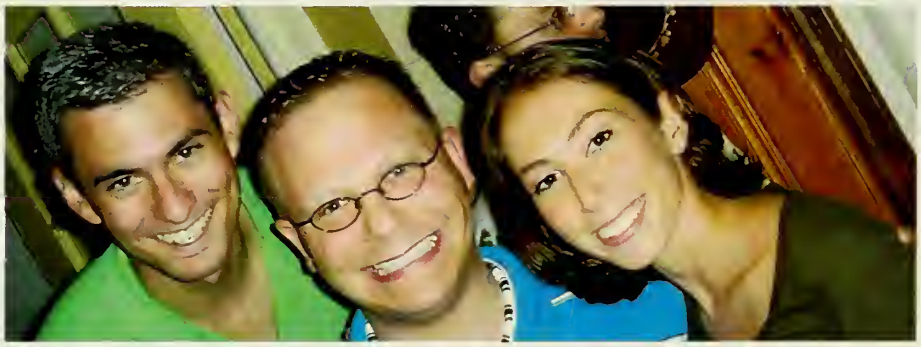
Most Likely to perfect her runway walk in the E.R.
Ayana Seibles

Rx for R & R . . .



QUAKER
OATS

Bowling, BBQ's & Bumming Around . . .



Doctors Feel Good . . .

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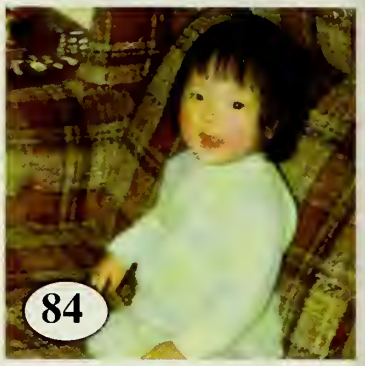
Class of 2006 Babies - Guess Who?



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Never Too Cool For School . . .

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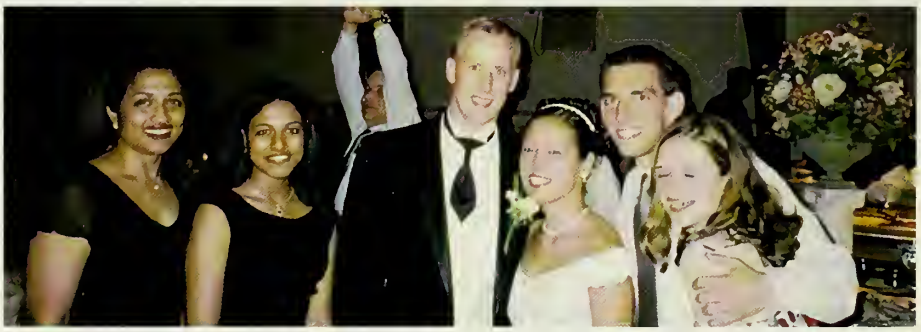

Laughter . . . The BEST medicine

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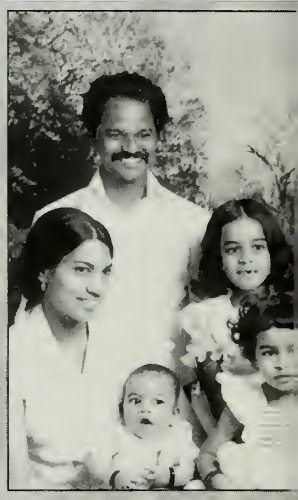

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I want to thank my family and friends for all of the support that they have given me over the past four years. I could not have come this far without the love and patience that they have shown me. I also want to thank all of the faculty and staff at UMDNJ-SOM for providing me with a great environment to learn medicine. Thank you!

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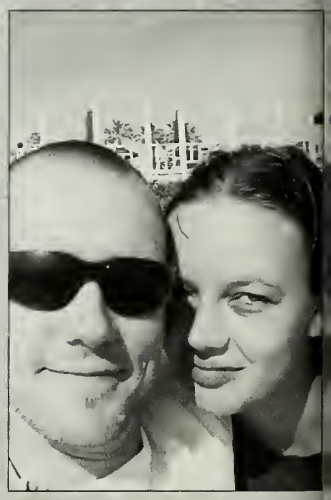

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"If anyone has killed one person (in murder or mischief on earth) it is as if he has killed the whole of mankind, and if he has saved one life it is as if he saved the whole of mankind."
- Holy Quran 5:32

I thank God for giving me the ability, my parents for giving me the opportunity and my family and friends for giving me the support. Without you I could never have embarded upon or successfully complete the toughest challenge of my life, medical school. A special thanks to UMDNJ professors and attendings for their dedication and patience. To my classmates, I with everyone the best and continued success in their personal lives and professional careers. I can't believe we did it!

"I slept and dreamt that life was a joy. I woke and saw that life was a service. I acted and behold the service was a joy."
- Dr. Tagore

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To my classmates, I am truly so proud of each of you. We have accomplished so much together and I wish you all the best of luck with your residencies, your careers and your personal lives.

To my friends, thank you for being a shoulder to lean on and for talking to me about non-medical things!

To my parents, brothers and sisters, for all of their love and support throughout my life. Thank you for always believing in me.

Joe, you are my best friend and my mentor. You have been my biggest supporter throughout the last four years. I know that together we can achieve anything we put our minds to. I love you.

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Quiero agradecer publicamente a mis padres por darme su apoyo y amor incondicional. Tambien expreso mi gratitud a mi hermana que me ayudo a ver lo malo y lo bueno de esta vida. A mi amor eterno siempre estaras conmigo en mi alma. Gracias tambien a mis ojos de aceituna que con su sonrisa siempre me regala un poco de su inocencia y pureza.

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Creo firmemente que la mas importante leccion de esta vida es aceptar y valorar a todos por igual.
Entre estas fotos estan mis mas preciados recuerdos.
Muchas felicidades a mi promocion 2006.

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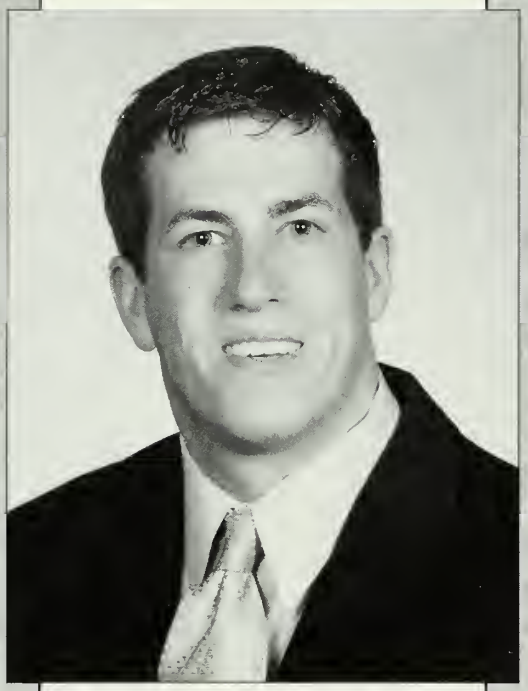

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"In the end it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years" - Abraham Lincoln

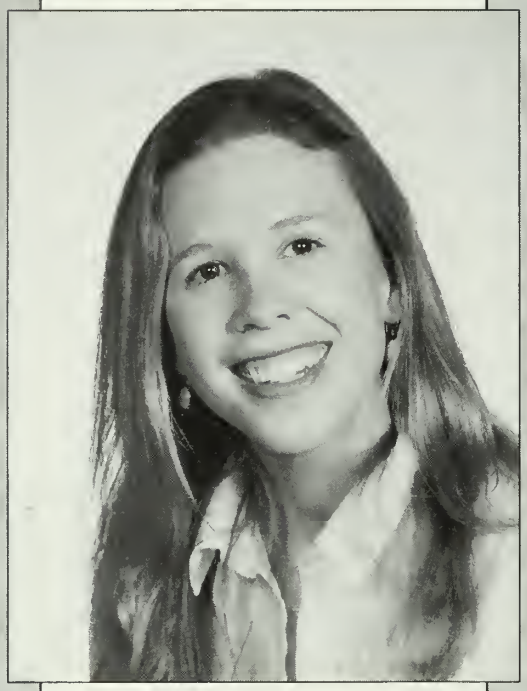
My achievement is dedicated to Aniyah and Jalen. Your existence brings passion and purpose to my life. The joy of your spirit inspires me to overcome intangible obstacles, challenges, and limitations.

Always remember:

"It is not your environment
It is not your history
It is not your education or ability
It is the quality of your mind that predicts your future"
- Dr. Benjamin Mays

Take the time to develop your own mind.

I send a very special Thank You to my entire family, both God given and chosen, for your endless love and support.



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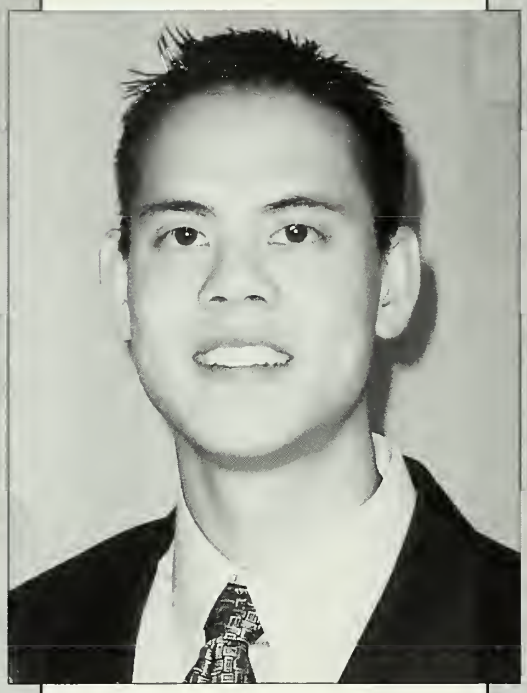
"God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference"



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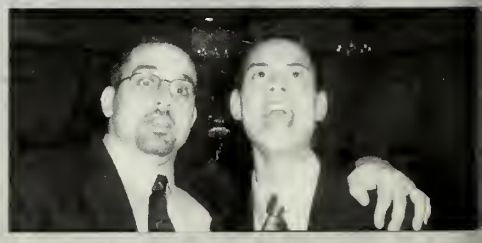
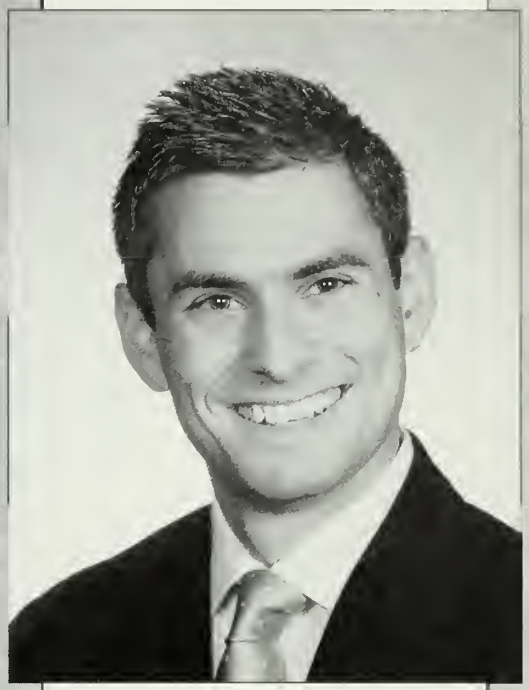
I would like to give thanks to my family. Thank you to my mother for all her love & patience through all the years of school. Thank you to my father for his guidance & for being my role model. I will forever humbly respect my parent's sacrifices to me. Thank you to my brother for caring for me since I was a wee little one. Truly, he is my best friend. Good times.
I've made some great friendships & I hope they last. Congrats everyone.

That Vizzini, he can fuss.
Fuss, fuss... I think he likes to scream at us.
Probably he means no harm.
He's really very short on charm.
You have a great gift for rhyme.
Yes, yes, some of the time.
Enough of that.
Fezzik, are there rocks ahead?
If there are, we'll all be dead.
No more rhymes now, I mean it!
Anybody want a peanut?
DYEEAAHHHHHH.

- by Inigo Montoya, Fezzik, & Vizzini
- dedicated to Mindy





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Thanks to my parents for their love, support and home-cooked meals throughout the past four years... congratulations on finally have the house to yourself. Thanks to my classmates for being there to keep me focused, debate the big ideas, offer words of encouragement, toss around the disc on a sunny day, and share a beer at Monk's when the exams were behind us. Finally, thanks to Lauri- my best friend and the love of my life- for sticking it out with a poor medical student, making all those drives to New Jersey, and always being there when I needed you most. I love you.

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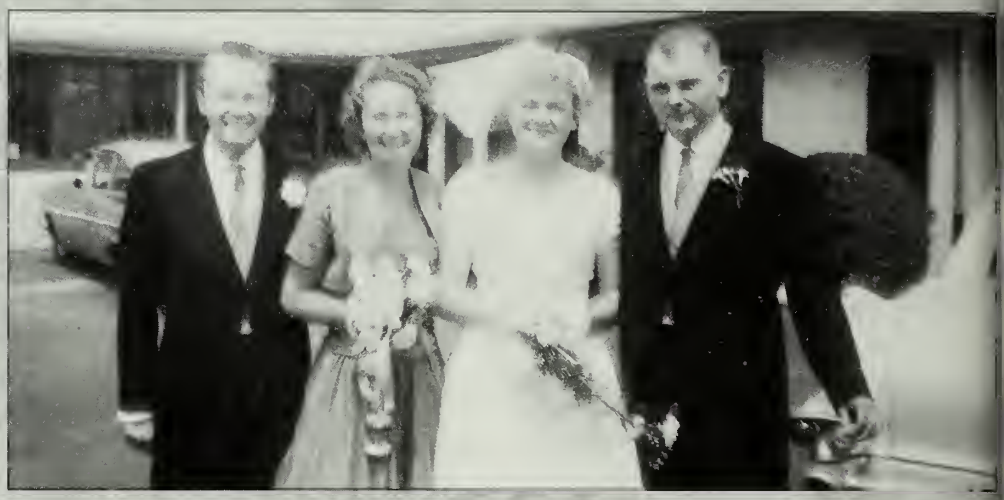
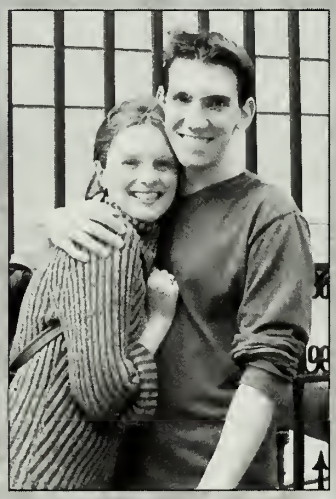
For my Mom and Dad:
John Joseph Cuff (August 2003)
Marie Ann Cuff (December 2003)

You were my first teachers and your student learned well the ways of life. To this end, my accomplishments are a product of your endeavors, your love, kindness, and compassion. I feel blessed that before you left, we talked and I understood your final lessons. You have shown me that even in the end: one can embrace life, forgive the past, and laugh. This type of healing no medical school education could ever impart on its students, and will reside within me all my days as a doctor.

It is not how we die that matters, but how we chose to live our lives.





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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making my experience here a wonderful one. I have learned from all of you. Thank you to those who took the extra time and interest in teaching me and helping me to grow into my future profession. I am extremely lucky to have had so much support and encouragement. I feel fortunate to have had such a wonderful class. I wish everyone the best in the next phase of our lives. Thank you to my family, who have always been so loving and supportive and have given me so much to be thankful for. And finally, to my wife, with whom I have had the joy and the privilege of sharing this experience with- I cannot describe how much it has meant to me to go through this with you. You continue to love me, inspire me and surprise me.

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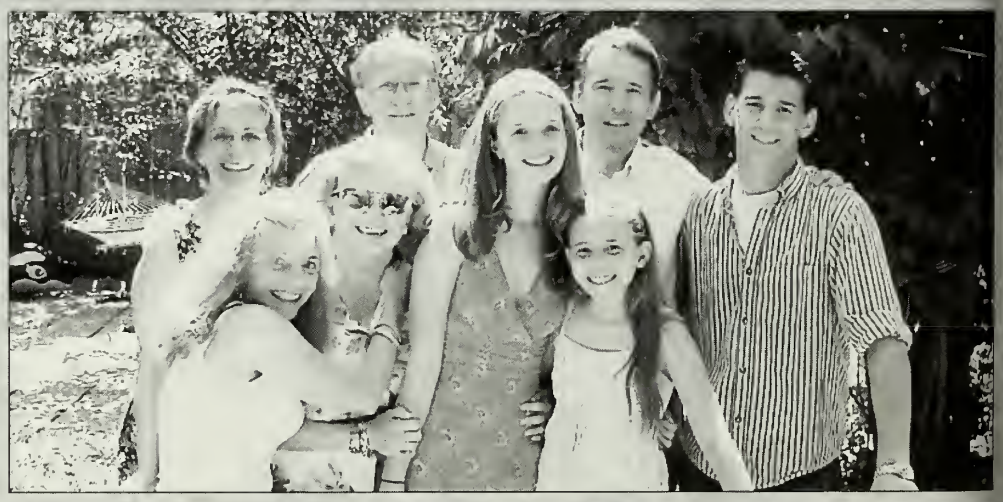
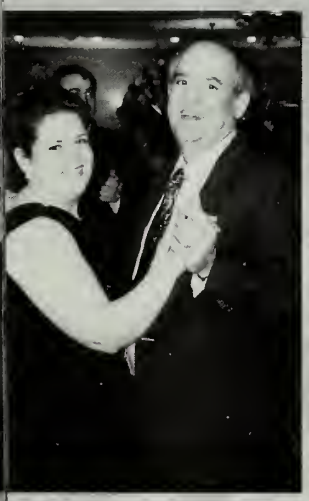
I feel so LUCKY! I have not only found a profession that will really make me happy, but one that is such an extension of who I am. I am so thankful that I was here at UMDNJ-SOM for my medical education. I was so privileged to have the opportunity to learn & grow in such a wonderful, supportive and happy place, and I am so thankful to have met so many wonderful people – who will always be in my heart wherever you all go. I also want to thank my AMAZING family and my WONDERFUL best friend & husband for putting up with me, supporting me, loving me and laughing at me ... I mean laughing with me! You guys are my inspiration and my heart!





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To my Friends and Family
– Thank You!
Your endless encouragement and support mean the world to me.
I could not have done this without you.
I love each and every one of you, especially Mom, Dad, and Michelle.
Thank you for always being there.

To the Class of 2006
– Thank You!
The past four years have been the greatest.
Thank you for the countless memories that I will take with me wherever I go.
You are the best!
Good luck!

"The fire of your heart is the light of your path."

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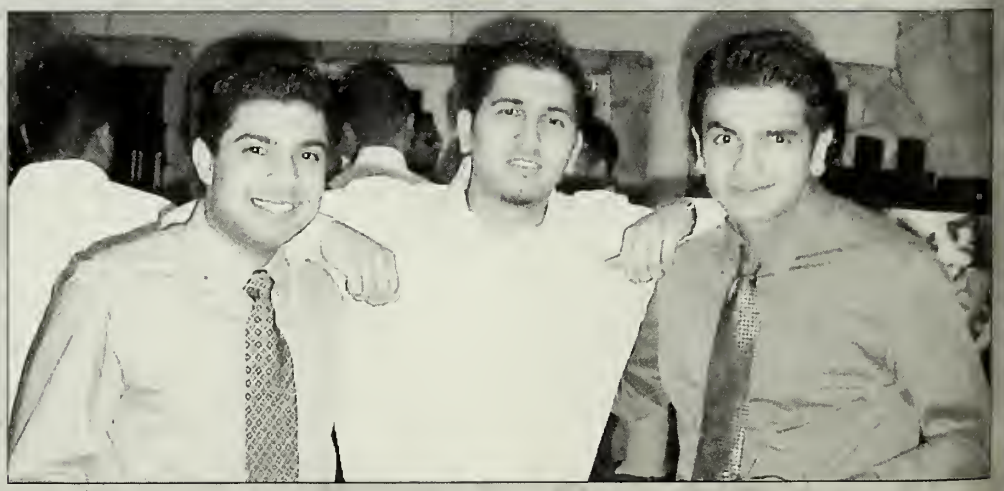
"Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans."
-John Lennon



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Of humble beginnings, profound is the appreciation I express to the hands which have sowed the seed from which I have blossomed. Expressions of gratitude to the earth, many drops of rain and rays of sunshine that have, do and will nurture me to fruition. Gerard "Aklafwa" Donat, Father, I have kept the faith; Grandma Annette, RIP 2005; Marie Donat, Mother, your prayers have strengthened me; God is Love and the expression of Love is God in action. Ruth, Sister, give unto them beauty for ashes according to your commission; Roosevelt, Brother, the Concrete Rose has blossomed; and to Rachel, baby sister, mighty is the voice within you; use it to enlighten the world. Beloved "007", pursue your passion and execute your mission to Gr8ness! I LOVE YOU ALL!

Difficult is that which is accomplished by you or I alone. Impossible is that which is accomplished by the grace and power of God within us. Rhoda Donat

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Lamentations 3:24

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"One of the greatest principles I've learned from my parents is that one's legacy is not measured by the number of degrees earned or material accumulations, but by the application of education and life experience to improve lives. I will continue to use my education to improve my community and serve as a role model, as I work towards attaining my goals."

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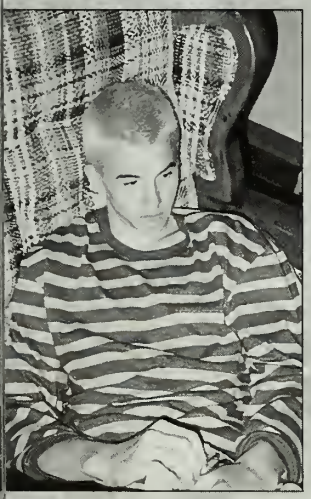
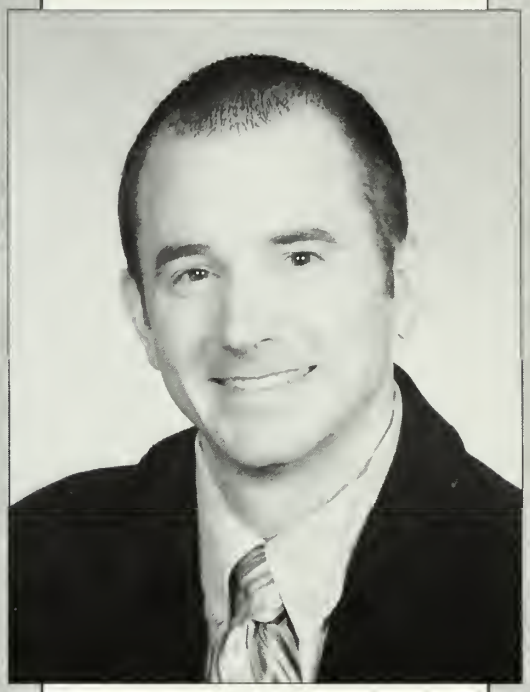
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
-1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18





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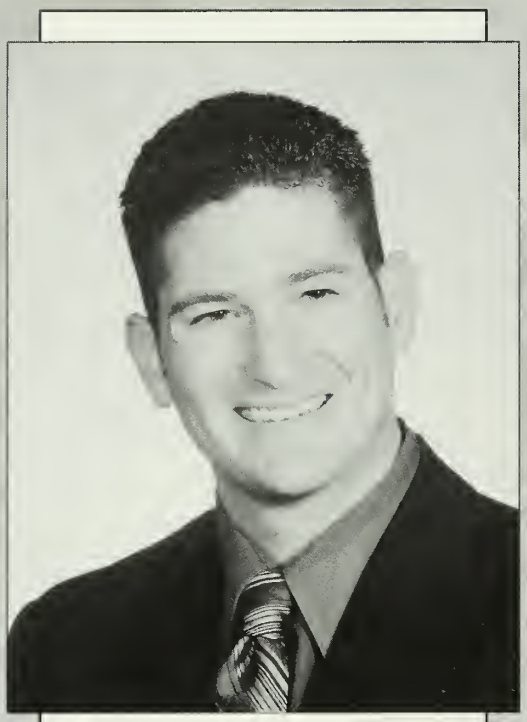
"I'd like to thank my wife, Jodi, for being so supportive and understanding over the last four years, and my little girls Shelbi and Sydney for always brightening my day when I come home. I'd also like to thank my parents for their support and love as well. I could not have done this without you all.



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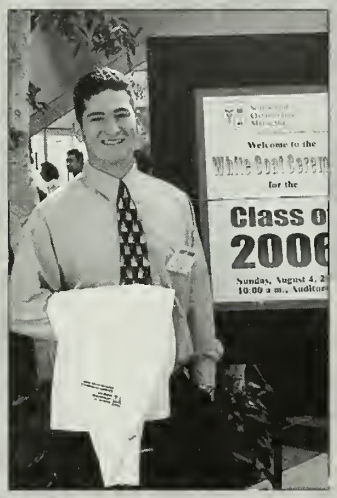
Right from day 1 it was easy to see
A future doctor I knew I would be

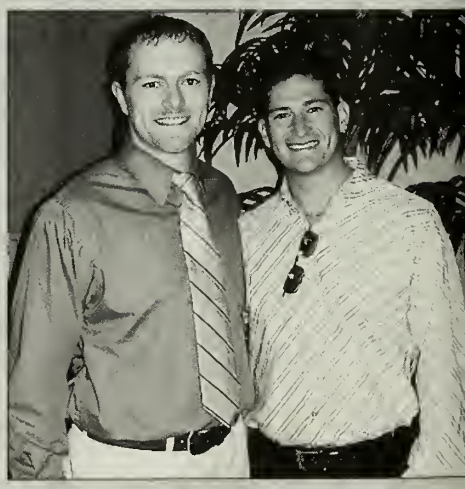
New Jersey? First stop
UMDNJ it was called
We met lots of friends
Who have stuck through it all

From studying to partying
To rotating all around
PM&R is the future
That I finally found

Class of 2006 may we always be blessed
In our future as doctors
We wish you the best

Scott and Michelle Fuchs





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To my classmates who have always been helpful, honest and fair: I am proud to be a member of such a fine class of physicians. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors.
To my parents whose support and encouragement has allowed me to reach my greatest potential: I will carry the lessons I have learned from the two of you for the rest of my life.
To my friends it has been a crazy ride, but it is you who truly make the ride most enjoyable.
To my brother, John, and sister, Marisa...two amazing individuals and two of my closest friends. And to Bonnie for whose love and friendship I am ever grateful.

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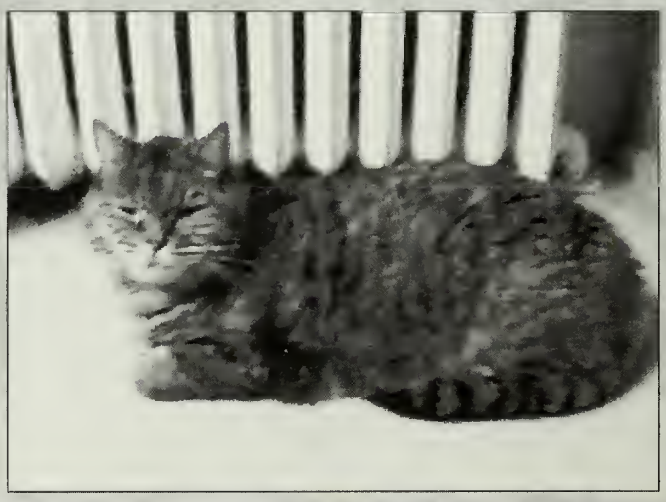

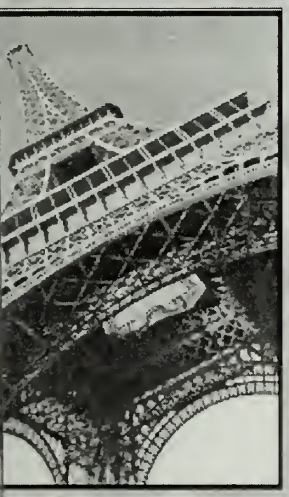

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Thank you to my family, my friends (old and new) and my fiancé!

For all of us....

"The Best is Yet to Be!"
- Browning

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Never let anyone compromise your dreams, not even you. ---Deitrick L. Gorman

Please, find a reason to laugh everyday. ----Deitrick L. Gorman

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"Man, Know Thyself" Imhotep (the one that comes in peace), "Father of Medicine, born 270B.C.
"I go in search of knowledge and wisdom. My heart forces me; it is wounded by love of wisdom, which is greater than all the treasures of the earth." Makeda, Queen of Sheba (c. 960B.C.)
Shaka&Felts: Thank you for going through this journey: the late nights, early mornings, the many compromises to our lives, dreams and pursuits. Falling asleep while reading to my munchkin or drives to the circus. I have never known a love like yours...you make this all worth it. I love you; my heart is so full.
Mommi: You have always been my number one fan! Graduation from Fitz Simmons in Honolulu to ceremony #6? I love you, you're an inspiration.
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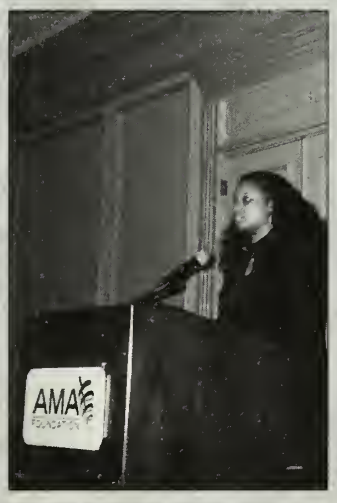

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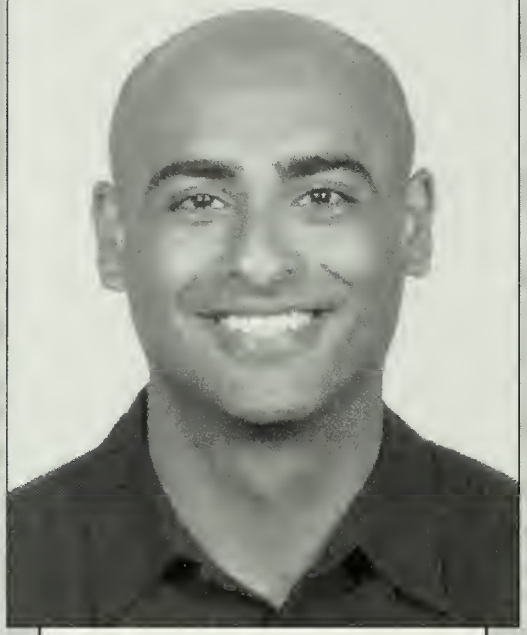

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God Bless the Class of 2006! To my friends, I will miss you all.

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"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."- Habakkuk 2:3 KJV

Thanks to My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Mommie G, thank you for nurturing my dream and sacrificing so much to help me to pursue my goals. My angel- We did it!

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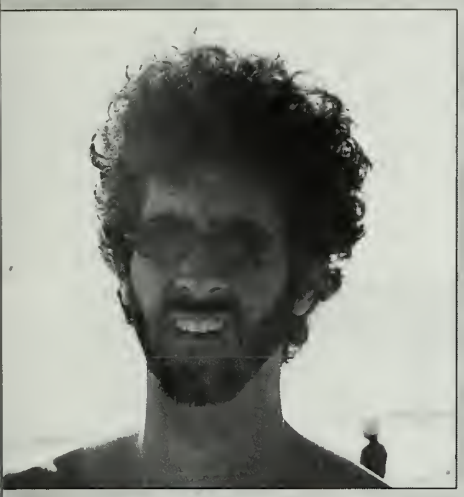
"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory..."

Ephesians 3:20, 21 KJV



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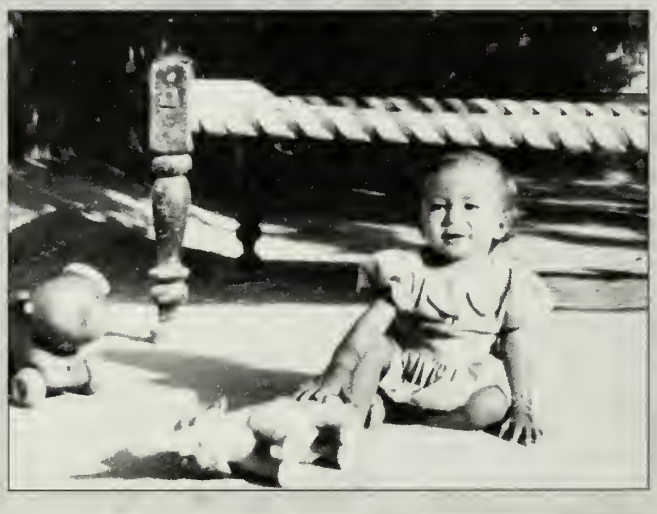
I just want to leave the class with the following words by Mark Twain.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."



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I did not make it down this road alone. My family and friends motivated me to stay the course even when I did not feel it was possible. That meant never backing out even when the road became a circuitous and arduous one. I made it through because I vowed to myself this dream could happen. This journey has taught me to compromise and I've learned that difficult situations can make you stronger and more patient. Staying committed to my goals showed me that every step, no matter how small, still points you in the right direction. The smile on my mother's face will confirm for me that indeed our sacrifice has all been worth it.

"Success comes to those who have a dream and make that dream come true."

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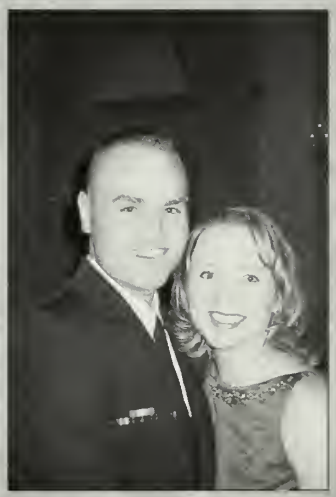
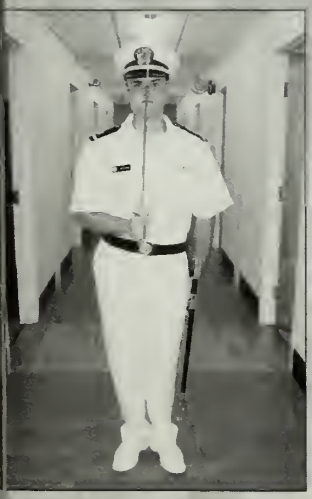

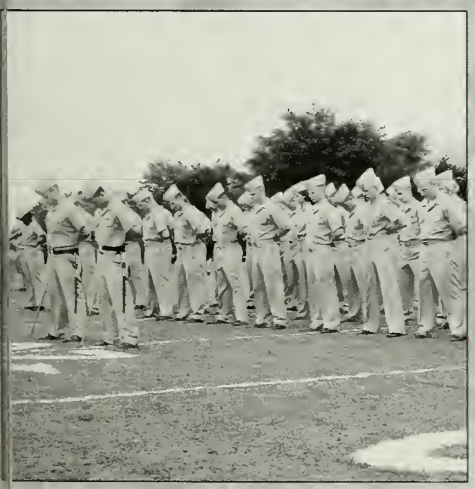

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The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade; a calling, not a business; a calling in which your heart will be exercised equally with your head. Often the best part of your work will have nothing to do with potions and powders, but with the exercise of an influence of the strong upon the weak, of the righteous upon the wicked, of the wise upon the foolish.

- William Osler

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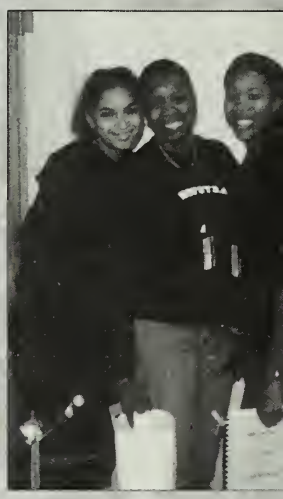

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I would like to thank my family for standing by me during these challenging years. I would also like to thank my classmates for making these years so enjoyable. Finally, I would like to thanks Dr. Pecora, UMDNJ-SOM PBL founder, for his dedication to medical education and to the PBL program.

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Love and Gratitude...
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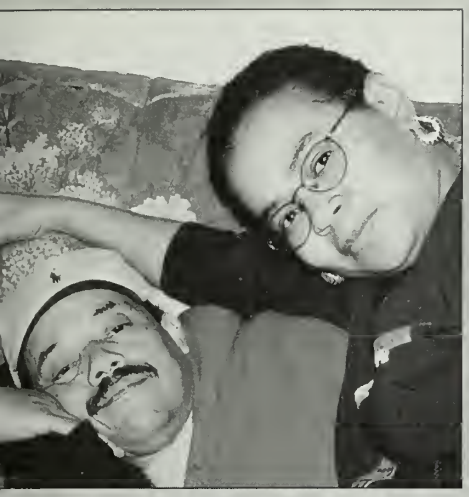

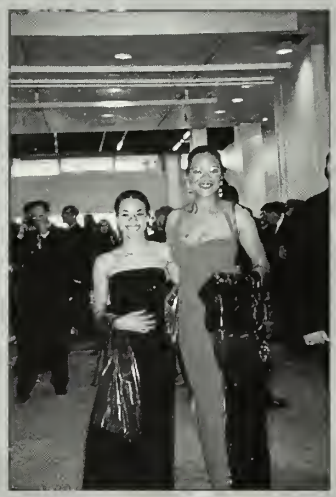

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On the way to medical school I thought I would never get here, and now looking back, it was gone in the blink of an eye. On my way out, I have to send my love and thanks to my family who supported me, pushed me, advised me, and loved me; without them I wouldn't have gotten this far - Mom, Dad, Aunt Joyce, Chris, Ryan, and Nikki. I'd also like to say a word of thanks and love for the friends that I made while here...we studied together, partied together, laughed and cried together - Ime, Soraya, Ayana, Athena, Eka, Jessica, Andrea, George, and Anand. To my loved ones still here - Dilip, Lamont, Jeff, Richie, Danesh, Chris - Keep hope alive! I'd also like to say a special thanks to Dr. Wallace, whose support and friendship have been priceless. "Tempus fugit...carpe diem!!!"

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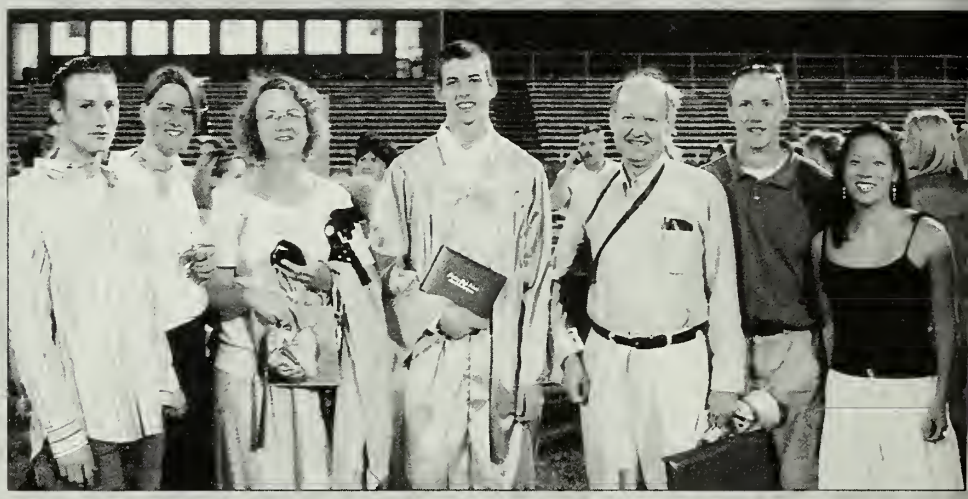
Over the past four years, I've met some great people that I am going to miss. You guys made medical school fun, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors



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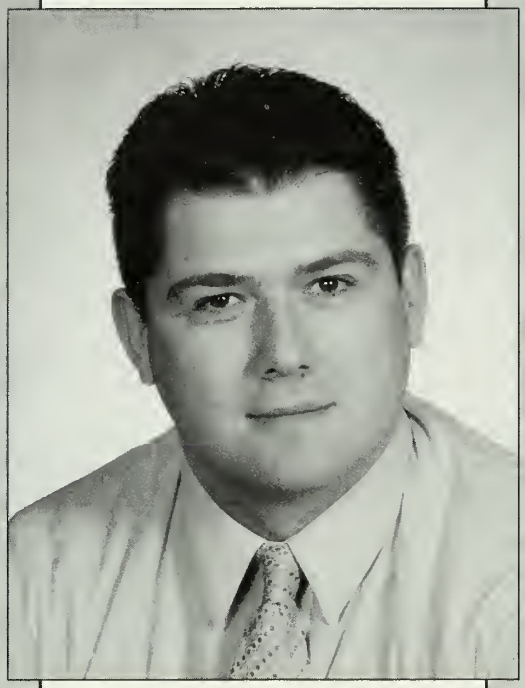

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There is so much I want to say to so many people but there is not enough time or space to express my true feelings. I love all of my friends and family that have supported me through all the sweat, tears and hard work. I feel that I have achieved one of my dreams and I only hope that all my friends will be able to do the same. I love both my dad and adoptive dad very much, thank you BOTH! To all my closest friends, we have been through a lot of craziness through the years (LM, RS, MH, KW, MG, AW, BS, CF, CH, CG, EA, JA, EW, KD, KB) I love you all always and forever! I will always be there for you, as you have been there for me. Thanks Rustin and Mom. Congrats to all my fellow graduates. We Made It!!! And Remember: "There's only now. There's only here. Give in to love or live in fear. No other path. No other way. NO DAY BUT TODAY!!!"

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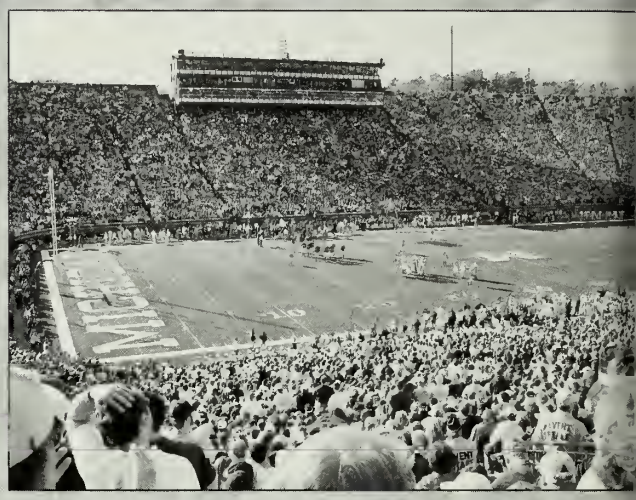

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I would like to dedicate this to: My Dad who instilled in me at a very young age the importance of independence for a woman. My Mom, to whom education was very important. My friend and mentor, Dr. Sivaprasad, who helped dream my dreams with me.

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The past four years would not have been possible without the fantastic support of my parents and all of my siblings. Thankfully, there have been more triumphs than defeats to celebrate—and you each have been there for every one, large and small.

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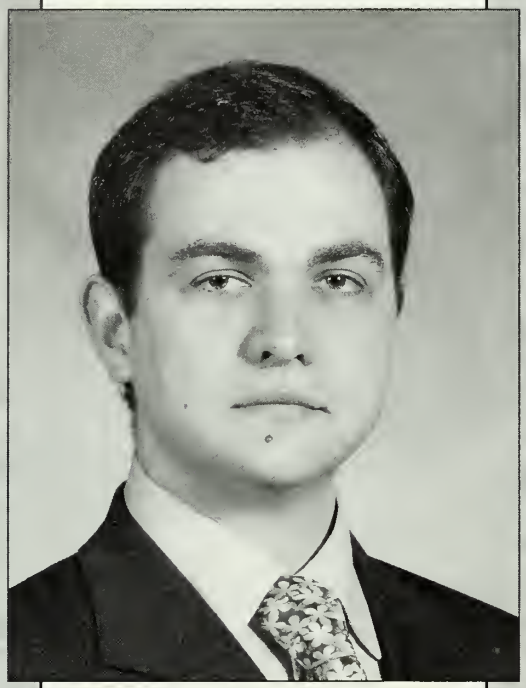
To KP, the girl with the biggest heart and the most amazing tolerance... you have an open invitation for dinner any night you like. Just bring the wine.

Congrats to the Class of 2006! It was a blast.
Cheers to good ol' Quadrant 3!



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Tomorrow is never a guarantee
Yesterday is gone
Today is what you have
Every now and then
stop to enjoy the view
Life is too short
Never be afraid to
reach for the star
Don't let anyone hinder your success
Live life to the fullest
For tomorrow is promised to no one.

I thank my Lord Jesus Christ for his mercy and love through this journey

Thanks to my family for being there, Mother, Dapo, Pero, Wale, Peju, Wole and Kunle

Thanks to all my friends that have supported me

To the memory of my father, Dr. Adedoyin A. Oduye

To my classmates: cheers to the future, may it bring joy, love, peace and fulfillments.

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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill

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Shannon, thank you for your love and support. We did it.

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"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.
" Romans 8:28
"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40: 31
The past 4 years of medical school have been and incredible journey. My mentors, my teachers, to anyone who has said a prayer, held a positive thought, shown a courtesy, or spoken a kind word: I thank-you.
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With a grateful heart.
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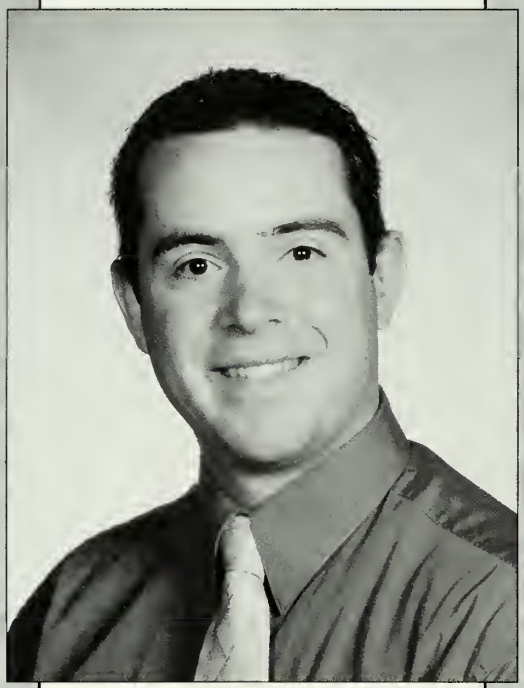

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"Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities: It is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak."
--Thomas Carlyle

I would like to thank my best friend, my companion, my inspiration, my light, Traci, a wonderful wife, without you, I am nothing. Thank you for the encouragement, the support, and the extra strength to keep going. Thank you for being there every step of the way. Thank you for giving me two beautiful children who brighten up my day with their smiles. Thank you for all the long nights helping me prepare for the exams, presentations, and boards. Thank you for your strong will, discipline, and perseverance to pick me up when I was down. Thank you for sharing this graduation with me, in which I could not have reached without you.

Love you always, Jo

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"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

...anonymous

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."

... Albert Einstein

To all those I encountered during my journey through medicine who made my life a little brighter, I thank you and wish you the best. My undying friendship is yours.

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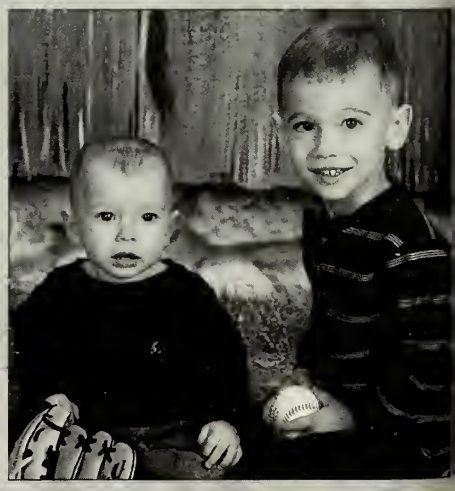
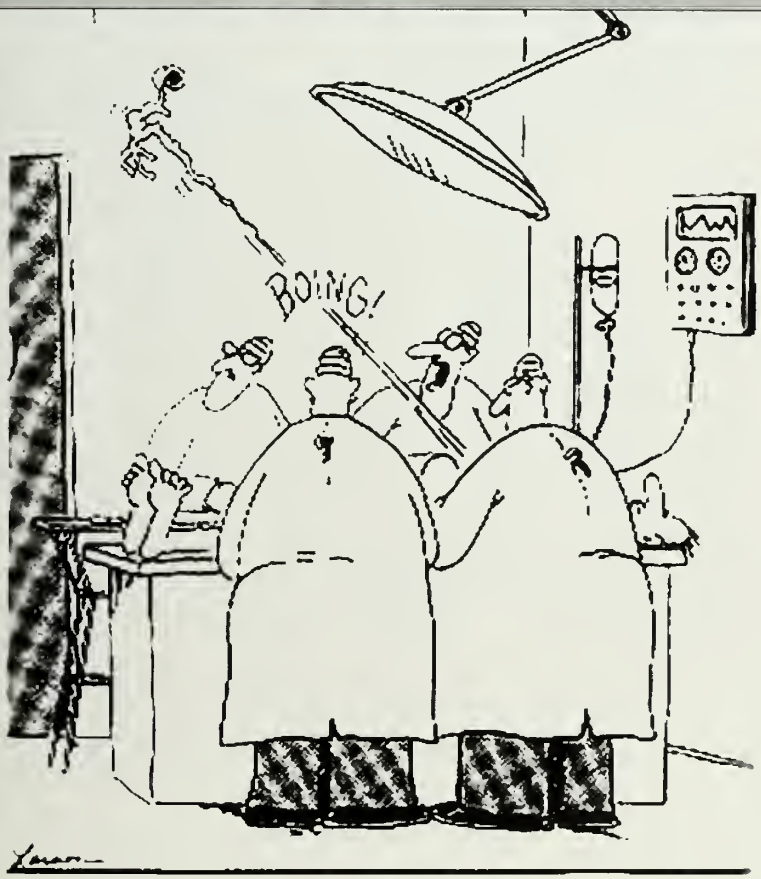
"This one step - choosing a goal and sticking to it – changes everything."
- Scott Reed





**"Whoa! Watch where that thing lands-
We'll probably need it."**

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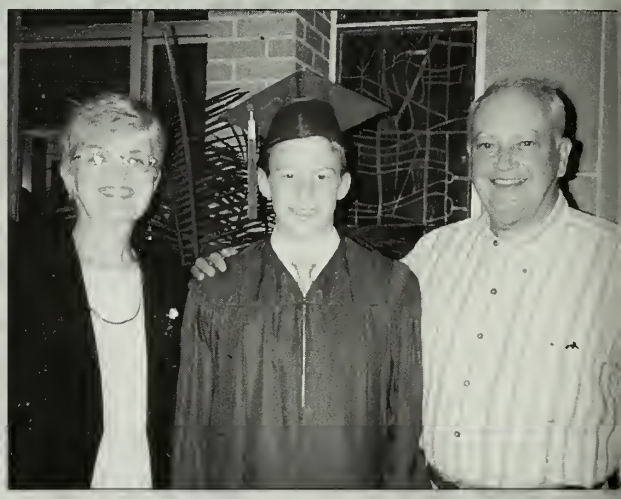
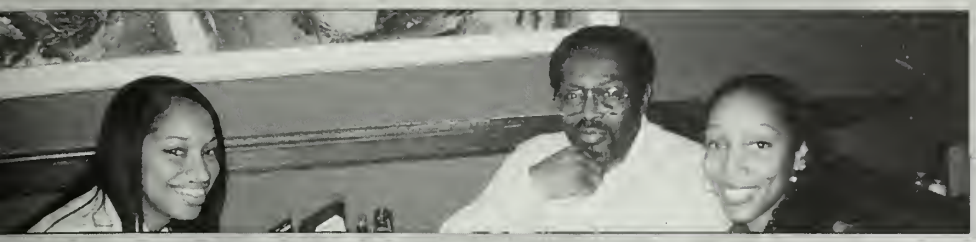
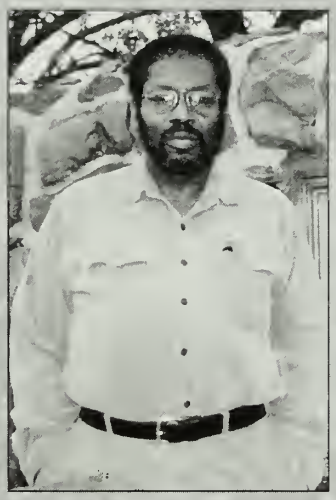
"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things" --Elinor Smith.

Thank you so very much Joe, Sean, Kirsten, and Mom and Dad. Your continual reassurance, support and love mean more than you could ever know. I love you all so very much.

"When is senior cut day?"







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To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Self-actualization is a process of discovering who you are, who you want to be, and paving the way to happiness by doing what brings you the most meaning and contentment to your life.

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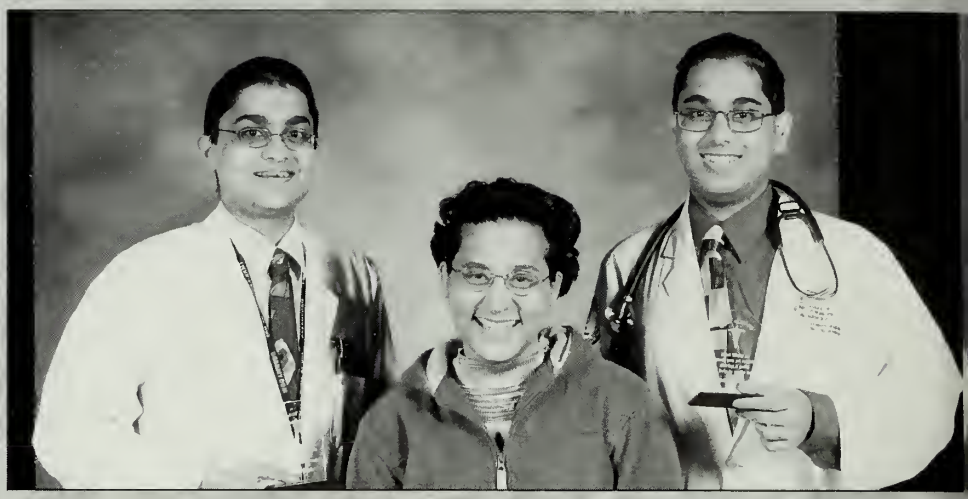
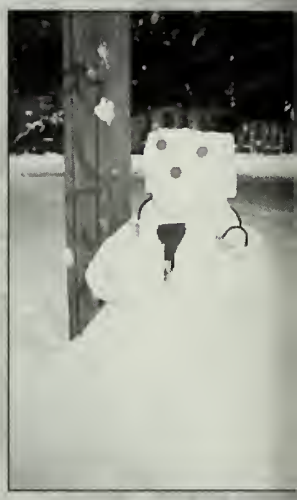
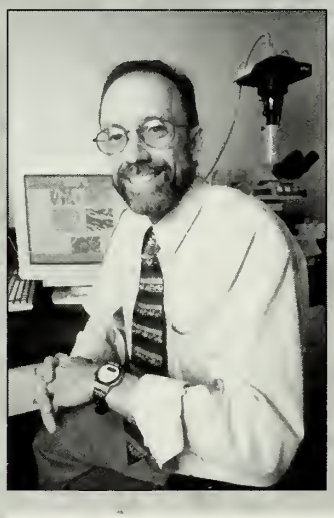
"Yesterday was the past, tomorrow is the future, and today is a gift... that's why it's called the present"
-Bil Keene







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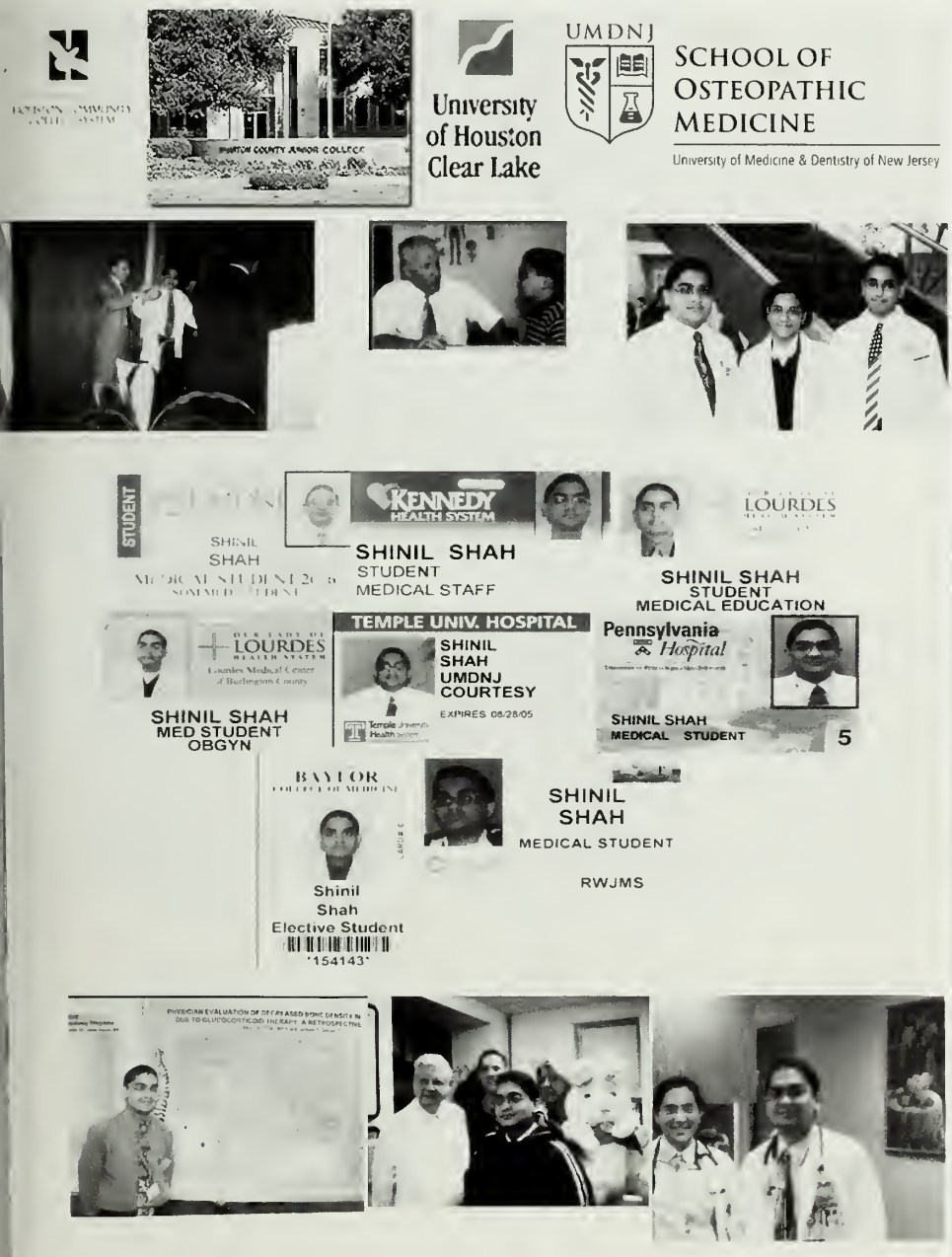

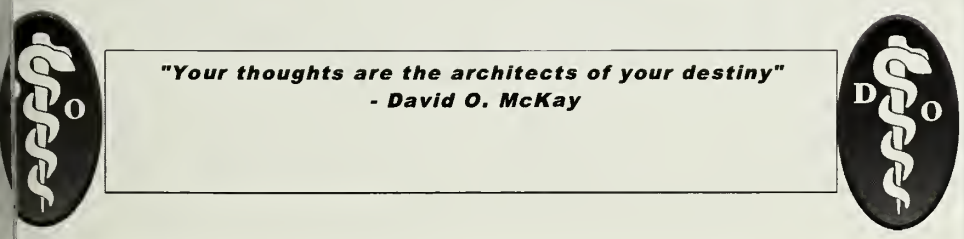

"Your thoughts are the architects of your destiny"
- David O. McKay

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In thought, faith
In word, wisdom
In deed, courage
In life, service

- Unknown

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We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give
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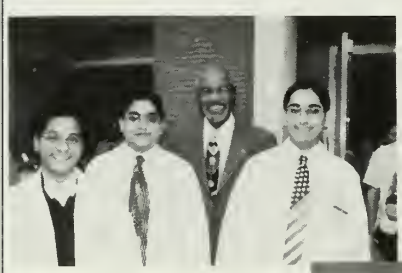

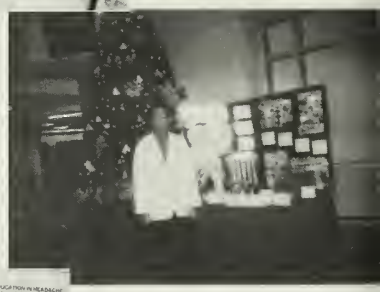

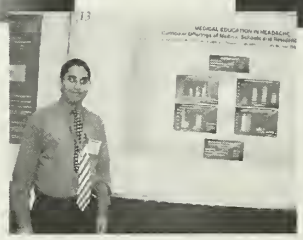

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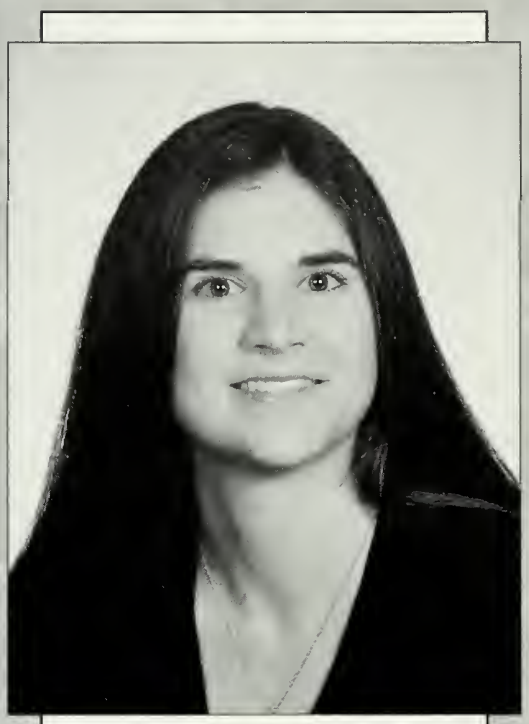

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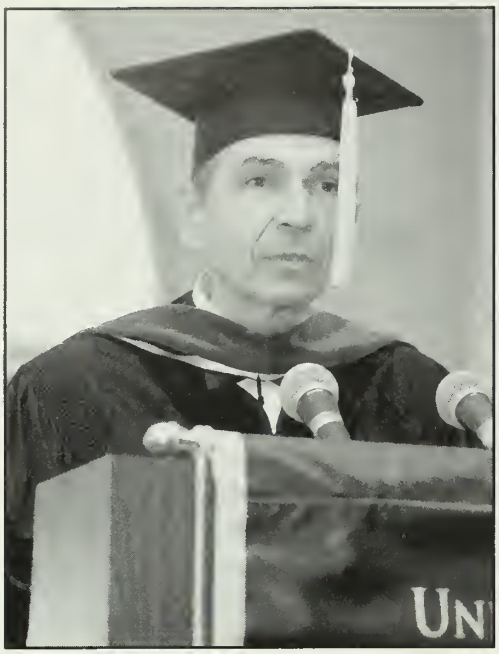
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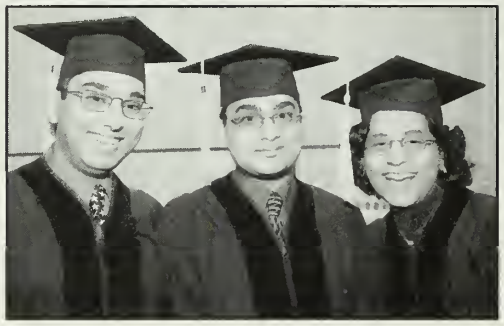

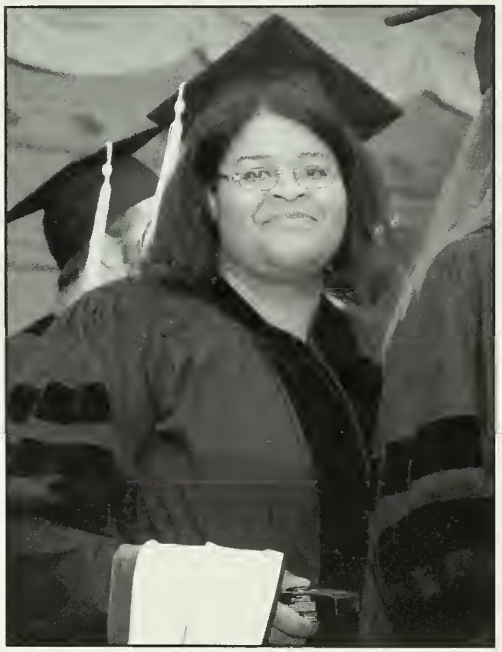

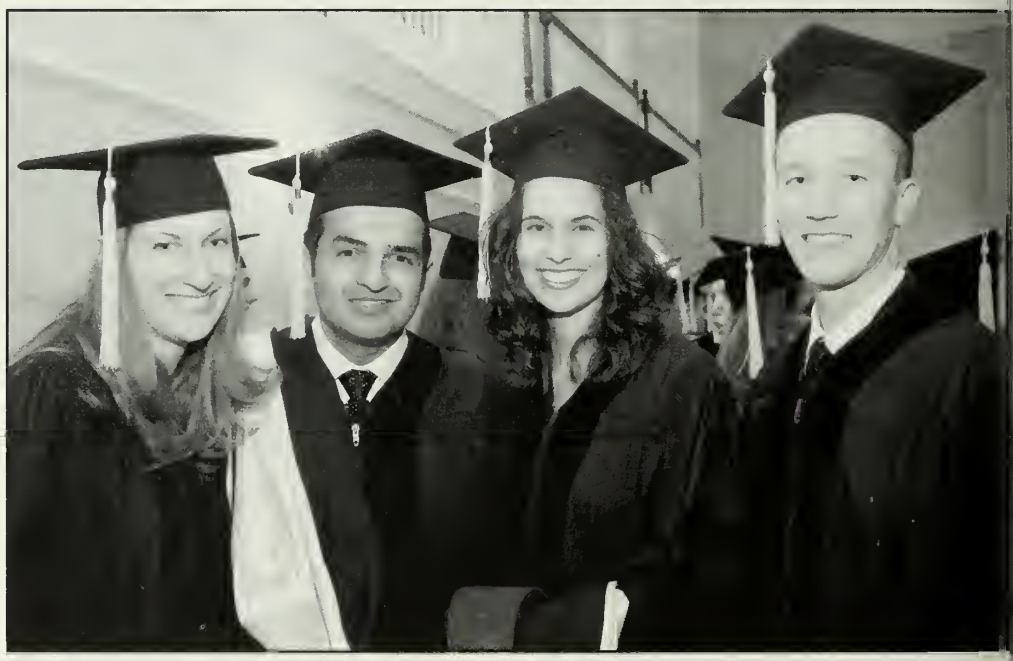

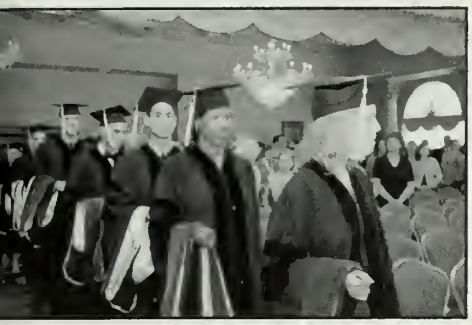

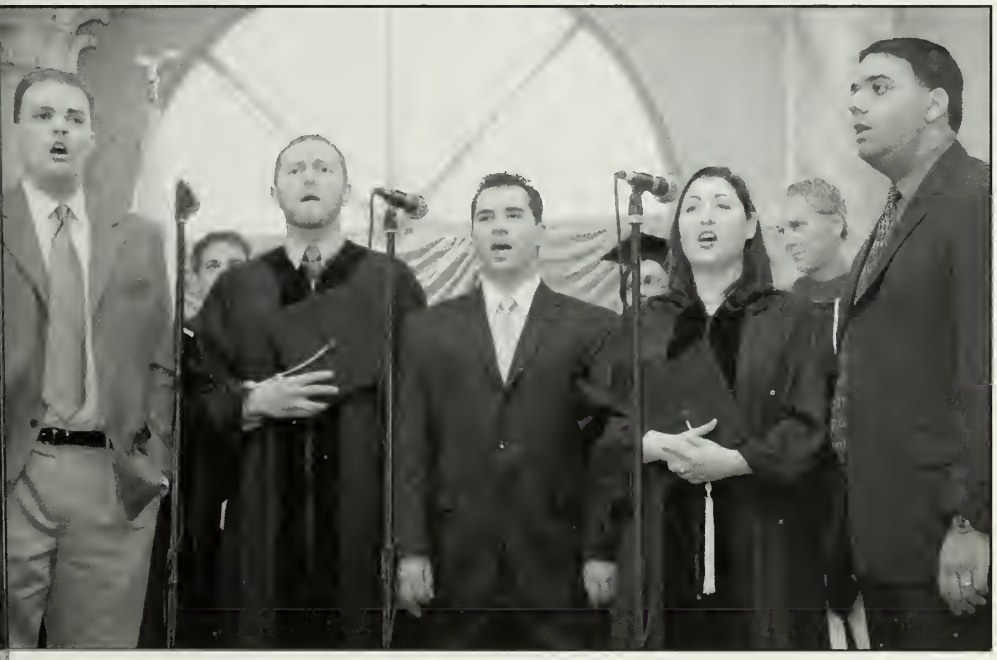

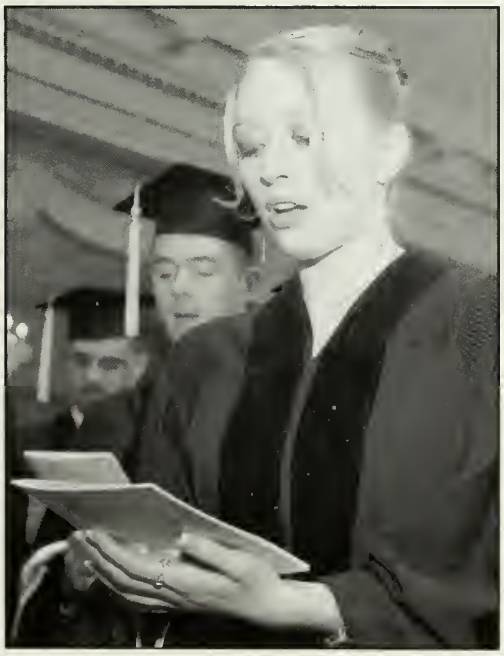
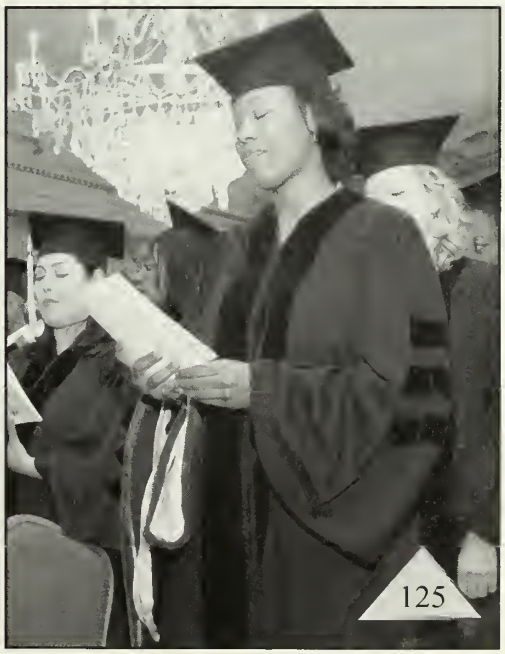

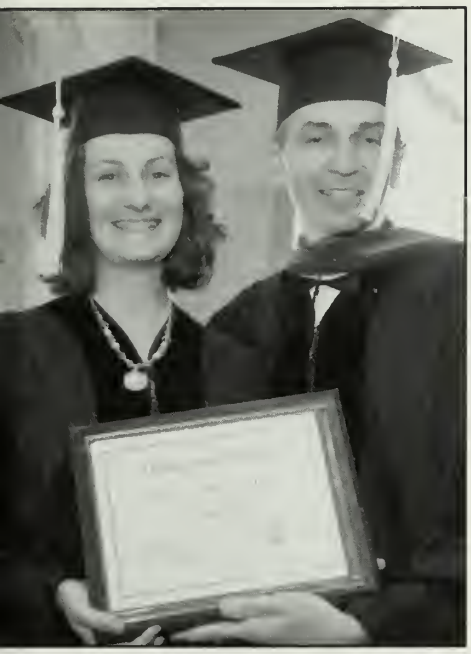

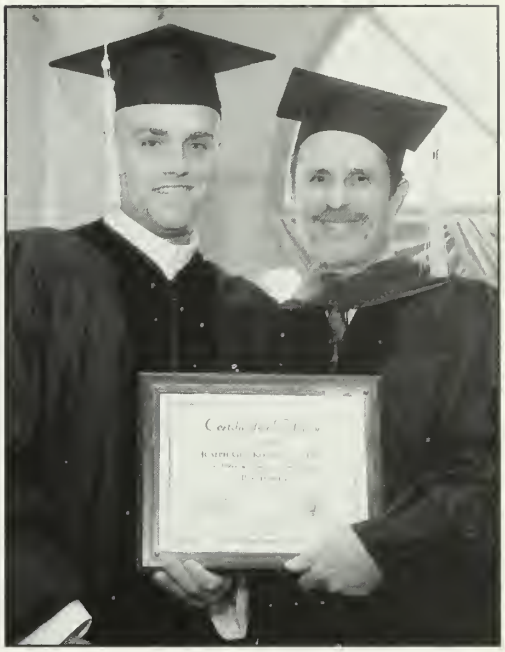

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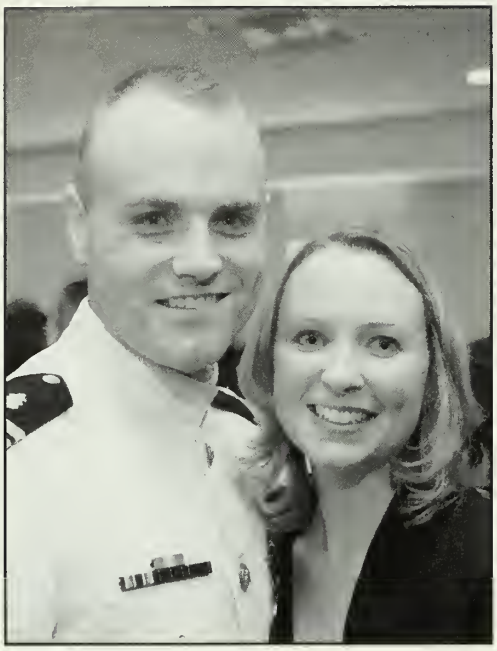

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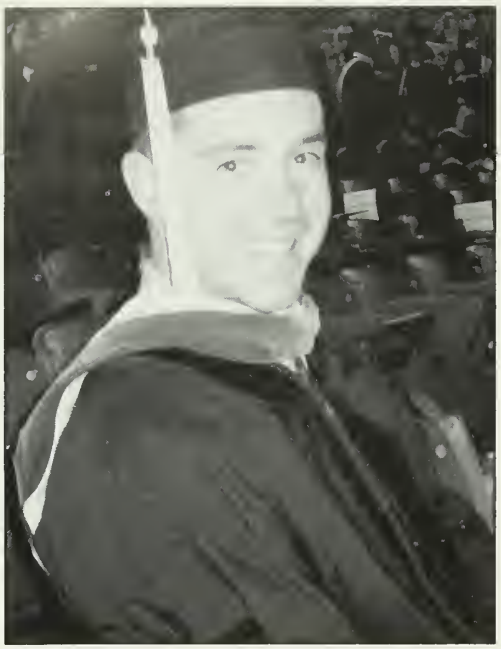

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